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Communication Career Services will be hosting a Communication Job & Internship Fair at The Club on the eighth floor of the Darrel K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will feature more than 70 companies, ranging from sales to media.

Poetry on the Plaza
The Harry Ransom Center presents the Poetry on the Plaza event "Poetry of Sport" from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harry Ransom Center plaza.

Q-and-A with Glenn Frankel
Charles Ramirez Berg talks to Glenn Frankel, author of "The Searchers: The Making of an American Legend," about the myths and truths behind one of Hollywood's most legendary films, "The Searchers" (1956), starring John Wayne at the BMC auditorium from 7 to 9:30 p.m. A screening of the film follows.

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Graduate student tuition uncertain at UT

By Jordan Rudner

Prospective graduate students consider a number of factors when deciding what school they want to attend in the fall: the professors with whom they will work, the location of the campus and, of course, the price tag. For students looking to attend UT in the fall, this third factor has a question mark attached.

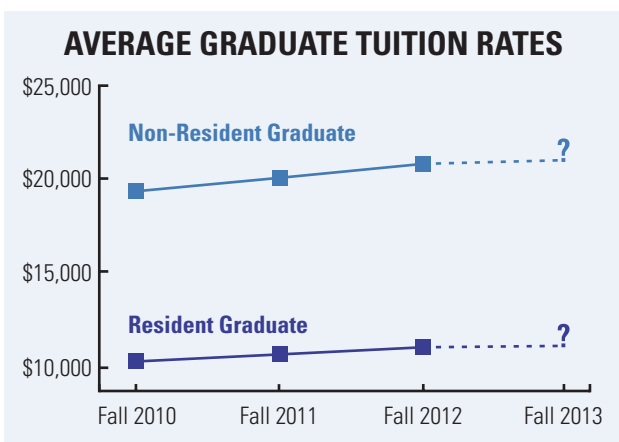
Graduate student tuition,

which must be approved by the UT System Board of Regents, has not yet been set for the 2013-2014 school year. Nearly all prospective graduate students in the nation must accept a financial offer by April 15 as part of an agreement by the Council of Graduate Schools, of which UT is a member. The next board meeting is May 8.

UT System spokeswoman Jenny LaCoste-Caputo said she was not sure when the board would set tuition rates.

On even-numbered years, the board typically sets tuition for all of the System's schools for two-year periods. In May 2012, the board set tuition for all undergraduate students for two years, but did not take similar action for graduate students. According to members in the Office of Accounting, the board typically does not wait this long to announce tuition.

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CITY



Shelby Tauber | Daily Texan Staff

Above: Scenes from Tuesday's wet weather in and around campus. Rainstorms led to .71 inches of precipitation, power outages and falling trees across Austin on Tuesday.

Austin under water

Storms leave residents without power, cause tree to fall in West Campus

By Alexandra Dubinsky

Heavy rainfall left 2800 Austin Energy customers without power, disrupted traffic in West Campus and resulted in event cancellations across the city Tuesday.

Near campus — on West

24th and Nueces streets — a tree fell on a beige Toyota Camry in traffic at around 5:30 p.m. Police surrounded the area and blocked off half of the street with cones.

Officer Robert Snider, present at the scene, said it is possible that the car would be left on the street all night.

"It's not the only tree that has fallen," Snider said. "It depends on how busy the city is. We can't clear it until the city crew comes out."

Austin Energy spokesman Ed Clark said the energy provider is moving steadily and quickly to make repairs to restore power.

"Repairs are needed at an estimated 60 locations and we have 10 repair crews out right now and about half a dozen tree trimming crews,"

Clark said.

Clark attributed the number of power outages to tree limbs weighing heavily on power lines. The vast majority of outage locations affect one to eight residents per site, according to Clark. Austin Energy expects power to be restored to all residents by Tuesday night.

Not everyone in Austin was put out by the

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UNIVERSITY

Lawmakers look to set standards for state regents

By Joshua Fechter

Following controversy surrounding the UT System Board of Regents' alleged micromanagement of President William Powers Jr., Texas lawmakers must navigate differing philosophies about the proper governance role of regents within a university system.

Richard Novak, executive director of the Ingram Center for Public Trusteeship and Governance, said the role of boards of regents varies from institution to institution and can sometimes be difficult to define.

"It's an art, it's not a science," Novak said. "There's a lot of ambiguity in being a public board member."

The center works to improve dialogue between governing boards of university systems and government officials and is a project of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, a nationwide organization that aims to help governing boards and administrators build relationships among other goals.

The question of regents' proper roles comes after months of conflict between Powers and the board. Last month, the UT System Board of Regents voted 4-3 to spend

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CAMPUS

Invest in Texas marches to Capitol for education

By Alexandra Dubinsky

Despite cloudy skies and light rain, 80 students marched from the Student Activity Center to the Capitol's North Steps to keep UT competitive, safe and affordable.

Coordinated by the Senate of College Councils, Student Government and the Graduate Assembly, the demonstration was a culminating event for the Invest in Texas campaign, a student-run, nonpartisan organization intended to champion for the student body during the 83rd Legislative Session.

A press conference followed the march in which state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, a member of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, and state Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, the chair of the House Higher Education

Committee, praised students for their involvement and stressed the importance of investing in higher education. According to Invest In Texas, for every \$1 the state invests in UT, \$18 is generated for the Texas economy.

"Funding has to be improved," Zaffirini said. "The key to lower tuition is higher appropriations. It is wise, just and good to invest in Texas."

In addition to affordability and improving levels of financial aid funding, speakers at the event discussed UT's campus gun policy and admissions policy.

Student Government President Horacio Villarreal, who will be inaugurated Tuesday night, gave a short statement prior to entering the Capitol.

"Because UT is such a large school it's really important we

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STUDENT



New student body President Horacio Villarreal is sworn into office by former President Thor Lund. Villarreal and Vice President Ugeo Williams plan to implement ideas such as upper division tutoring in the Sanger Learning Center.

Mikhaela Locklear
Daily Texan Staff

New SG elects assume roles

By Christine Ayala

Newly elected Student Government President Horacio Villarreal and Vice President Ugeo Williams took their new positions at Tuesday's General Assembly meeting.

Villarreal, a history senior, and Williams, a sociology and education senior, are

replacing previous Student Government President Thor Lund and Vice President Wills Brown.

Villarreal said he was excited to start working toward initiatives and programs for which they campaigned.

"We've already been meeting with so many people on campus for the last few weeks, this just makes it official," Villarreal said. "We're

ready to get started."

The executive alliance campaigned with plans to strengthen the organization's connection to the Senate of College Councils and the Graduate Student Assembly, as well as connecting with more students and organizations to better voice the opinions of the student body.

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Because of a reporting error, a story about alcohol consumption in Austin in Tuesday's issue of The Daily Texan misstated the date of the rankings. The Forbes ranking is from 2006.

Because of an error from a source, a story about the search for a new provost in Tuesday's issue of The Daily Texan misstated the number of members on the search committee. There are nine members on the committee.

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

High 70 Low 48
Jesus arm-wrestling a condom.

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Becca Gamache | Daily Texan Staff

Sea World animal ambassador Missy Lamar displays a screech owl at the Sea World animal display booth outside of the Capitol.

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\$500,000 to conduct a new investigation into the UT Law School Foundation's relationship with the University.

In 2011, Powers instructed Larry Sager, then dean of the School of Law and current faculty member, to resign as dean after Sager received a forgivable loan of \$500,000 from the foundation. An internal audit of the foundation, confirmed by the Texas Attorney General's office, found the loan was awarded inappropriately.

Novak said the board could seek information about the foundation through UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa, who would consult Powers, instead of launching an investigation. He said this would foster a candid conversation between the Regents, the System and University administrators and would follow board procedure.

The portion of the Texas Education Code that addresses the role of UT Regents says "the board may provide for the administration, organization, and names of the institutions and entities in The University of Texas System in such a way as will achieve

the maximum operating efficiency of such institutions and entities."

A bill currently filed in the Texas Senate would allocate responsibilities not specifically given to boards of regents to individual institutions.

Thomas Lindsay, director of the Center for Higher Education at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, said amending the law to respond to the situation with UT System Regents could negatively impact other institutions by applying a uniform standard.

"If you change governance structure and you change it for the whole state, what you do is restrict powers at precisely the time that boards need them to address the problems our educational system faces," Lindsay said.

Lindsay said a more appropriate method to address the conflict would be to conduct hearings within the recently revived Joint Committee on Oversight of Higher Education Governance, Excellence and Transparency, a committee comprised of members of both houses that is investigating the regents.

"You don't have to rewrite board powers in an effort to get at actions perceived to be overreaching," Lindsay said.

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storm, though. Nutrition sophomore Isabel Cruz said she enjoyed the

unexpected rainstorm.

"Even though I didn't have an umbrella, I walked out of class and it made me feel motivated and fresh," Cruz said. "It just put me in a very contemplative mood."

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Michael Redding, outgoing president of the Graduate Student Assembly, said the uncertainty surrounding next year's tuition rates is already having negative repercussions for graduate students.

"For any student, not knowing what their tuition rate is going to be puts them in a state of uncertainty," Redding said. "They don't know what they can or cannot afford — graduate students don't know what options they have in terms of teaching assistant benefits or assistant instructor benefits, and really, they're at a loss in terms of what their financial outlook is going to be."

Columbia Mishra, president elect of the Graduate Student Assembly, said the delay of the tuition announcement will especially affect international students. Mishra is a mechanical engineering

graduate student from the West Bengal region of India.

"When I was applying from India, I asked myself, 'What are my other options, and what do other universities have?'" Mishra said. "By delaying the availability of this information, the University risks losing some very talented students who may decide to go elsewhere because of uncertainty here."

Mishra said the most important function of tuition is to allow students to plan ahead.

"Students in colleges without graduate fellowships or scholarships tend to feel the impact more, and they need to prepare," Mishra said. "You need to know what your tuition will be, just as you need to know if your rent is going to increase in six months, because even if it's by 2 percent or 3 percent, you might have to take out loans — or you might have to move."

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They also plan to provide upper-division tutoring at the Sanger Learning Center, pair incoming and transfer students with upperclassmen mentors and improve safety for students living in north campus and in the Riverside area by introducing more police call boxes.

The newly elected college and university-wide representatives also selected committee chairs

in addition to taking their new positions.

Williams said the executive alliance plans to individually review the campaign platforms of the new Student Government representatives.

"I'm just getting to know everyone and meeting with everyone one-on-one," Williams said. "Since we are going to be working closely, I want to make sure I get along with everyone."

Villarreal and Williams were elected Feb. 28, in a campus-wide election, winning 53 percent of the vote. Villarreal is a

former University-wide representative and Williams is a former College of Education representative.

Brown said he and Lund are glad to pass on the control of Student Government to Villarreal and Williams.

"I have full faith in Horacio and Ugeo and believe they'll do a great job," Brown said. "They're both stand-up guys who truly do care about this university and are ready to serve day-in and day-out. I'm very happy to be passing on the torch to these two awesome friends of mine."

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NEWS BRIEFLY

History department receives donation

The department of history received a \$6.6 million donation Tuesday to increase graduate student recruitment on behalf of UT alumnus Gardner Marston.

Marston, a 1953 UT graduate, died in 2011. Marston donated \$250,000 for the Gardner F. Marston Endowed History Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1998 for the College of Liberal Arts.

Marilyn Lehman, the history department's graduate program administrator, said the gift will fund fellowships for students, as most student support comes from teaching assistant positions.

"It allows student to go off and do research, which is the kind of thing you can't do when you're [a teaching assistant]," Lehman said.

Jackie Jones, professor and graduate chair in the Department of History, said in a statement the gift would help with recruitment.

"This generous gift will enhance the ability of the history graduate program to recruit outstanding students and to maintain the overall excellence of our program," Jones said.

Marston served in the U.S. Army during World War II and managed family properties in the California area for most of his life, according to his obituary in the San Diego Community News Group.

Randy Diehl, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the college has received more than \$30 million in planned gifts in the past five years.

"We are grateful for the generosity and foresight of people like Gardner Marston, who valued their education at the University and wanted to give back so that others might enjoy the same benefits of higher education," Diehl said in the department's statement.

—Christine Ayala

More than 15,000 enroll in edX classes

The UT System opened its first-ever massive open online courses Friday on the online platform edX. By the time the weekend was over, nearly 15,000 students had enrolled.

In comparison, UT's current freshman class — the largest ever recorded at the University — is a class of 8,092.

Harrison Keller, vice provost for higher education policy and research senior lecturer, said the University hopes to help facilitate the sharing of knowledge, even though the courses will not count as course credits.

"This is one of the most interesting frontiers we're exploring," Keller said to The Daily Texan in February. "These courses are aimed at personal enrichment and lifelong learning."

The four online classes launched by the System include "Ideas of the 20th Century," "Energy 101," "Age of Globalization" and "Take Your Medicine — The Impact of the Drug Development."

"Energy 101" is the most popular course so far, boasting more than 5,000 registrants by Monday morning.

The University plans to launch an additional set of courses next spring, including "Jazz Appreciation," "Foundations of Data Analysis," "Mathematics and Effective Thinking," "Introduction to Embedded Systems" and "Linear Algebra: Theory and Computation."

In the coming months, the System plans to reconfigure several entry level courses traditionally composed of several hundreds of students. Last year, the System created the Institute for Transformational Learning with the broader goal of "establish[ing] University of Texas institutions as world leaders in developing and implementing best-in-class resources for online learning."

—Jordan Rudner

NEWS BRIEFLY

Israeli planes strike Gaza after rocket fire

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — The Israeli military says its warplanes have struck targets in the Gaza Strip in response to rocket fire toward southern Israel.

The air strikes early Wednesday morning were the first launched by Israel since an informal cease-fire in November ended eight days of cross-border fighting, the bloodiest between Israel and the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip in four years.

An Israeli military statement said its planes targeted “two extensive terror sites” with “accurate hits.”

UN adopts treaty to regulate arms trade

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved the first international treaty regulating the multibillion-dollar global arms trade Tuesday, after a more than decade-long campaign to keep weapons from falling into the hands of terrorists, warlords, organized crime figures and human rights violators.

Loud cheers erupted in the assembly chamber as the electronic board flashed the final vote: 154 in favor, 3 against and 23 abstentions.

“This is a victory for the world’s people,” U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said. “The Arms Trade Treaty will make it more difficult for deadly weapons to be diverted into the illicit market.

... It will be a powerful new tool in our efforts to prevent grave human rights abuses or violations of international humanitarian law.”

The United States, the world’s biggest arms exporter, voted yes.

Iran, North Korea and Syria — all facing arms embargoes — cast the only no votes. They argued, among other things, that the agreement favors major arms suppliers like the U.S. over importers that need weapons for self-defense.

U.S., French tourists kidnapped in Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO — A night out on the town turned into a nightmare after an American woman was gang raped and beaten aboard a public transport van while her French boyfriend was handcuffed, hit with a crowbar and forced to watch the attacks, police said.

The incidents raise new questions about security in Rio, which has won kudos for its crackdown on once-endemic drug violence in preparation for hosting next year’s football World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympic games. The city also will be playing host to World Youth Day, a Roman Catholic pilgrimage that will be attended by Pope Francis and is expected to draw some 2 million people in late July.

Senator arrested in alleged race plot

NEW YORK — A Democratic state lawmaker was arrested along with five other politicians Tuesday in an alleged plot to pay tens of thousands of dollars in bribes to GOP bosses to let him run for mayor of New York City as a Republican.

U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara called it an “unappetizing smorgasbord of graft and greed” that reveals a New York political culture defined by a single rule: “Show me the money.”

Malcolm Smith, 56, who has served at times as the state Senate’s majority and minority leader since becoming a senator in March 2000, was arrested along with Republican New York City Councilman Dan Halloran, 42, and four other political figures.

— Compiled from Associated Press reports

Remains found in new 9/11 debris

By Meghan Barr
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jim Riches pulled his son’s mangled body out of the rubble at the World Trade Center, but the phone calls still filtered in years afterward. The city kept finding more pieces of his son.

“They’ll call you and they’ll tell you, ‘We found a shin bone,’” Riches said. “Or: ‘We found an arm bone.’ We held them all together and then we put them in the cemetery.”

Those are the phone calls both dreaded and hoped for among the families of Sept. 11 victims. And as investigators began sifting through newly uncovered debris from the World Trade Center this week for the first time in three years, those anxieties were renewed more than a decade after the attacks.

But there was hope that more victims might be identified after tens of millions have been spent on the identification process. Two potential human remains were recovered on Monday, according to a medical examiner.

“We would like to see the other 40 percent of the families who have never recovered anything to at least someday have a piece of their loved one,” Riches said.

About 60 truckloads of debris that could contain tiny fragments of bone or tissue were unearthed by construction crews that have been working on the new World Trade Center in recent years. That material is now being transported to a park built on top of the former Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island, where investigators will attempt to find any possible remains during the next 10 weeks. That’s the material the two potential human remains were found in.

The city’s last sifting effort ended in 2010. This time, crews were able to dig up parts



Mark Lennihan | Associated Press

Construction workers and equipment excavate the southeastern corner of the World Trade Center site in this Jan. 8, 2008 file photo taken in New York.

of the trade center site that were previously inaccessible to workers, the city said.

Some 2,750 people died at the World Trade Center in the 2001 terrorist attacks, but only 1,634 people have been identified.

“We have been monitoring the World Trade Center site over time and monitoring

the construction,” said Ellen Borakove, a spokeswoman for the medical examiner’s office. “And if they see any material that could possibly contain human remains, we collect that material.”

About 9,000 human remains recovered from the ruins of the World Trade Center remain unidenti-

fied because they are too degraded to match victims by DNA identification. The remains are stored at an undisclosed location monitored by the medical examiner’s office and will eventually be transferred to a subterranean chamber at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

North Korea to reactivate nuke reactor

By Foster Klug
& Hyung-Jin Kim
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Tuesday it will restart its long-shuttered plutonium reactor and increase production of nuclear weapons material, in what outsiders see as its latest attempt to extract U.S. concessions by raising fears of war.

A spokesman for the North’s General Department of Atomic Energy said scientists will quickly begin “readjusting and restarting” the facilities at its main Nyongbyon nuclear complex, including the plutonium reactor and a uranium enrichment plant. Both could produce fuel for nuclear weapons.

The reactor began operations in 1986 but was shut down as part of international nuclear disarmament talks in 2007 that have since stalled. North Korea said work to restart the facilities would begin “without delay.” Experts estimate it could take anywhere from three months to a year to reactivate the reactor.

The nuclear vows and a rising tide of threats in recent weeks are seen as efforts by the North to force disarmament-for-aid talks with Washington and to increase domestic loyalty to young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un by portraying him as a powerful military commander.

The U.S. called for North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions, saying it would be “extremely alarming” if Pyongyang follows through on a vow to restart its plutonium reactor.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said the U.S. is taking steps to ensure it has the capacity to defend itself and its allies, and that President Barack Obama is being updated regularly.

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Schools, guns and money

Math lesson
for Legislature

Here's an arithmetic problem: While back-to-school shopping, Dave gives his son Pete \$10 to buy a calculator. The next year Dave gives Pete only \$5 for the same model of calculator, and Pete can't afford it. After Pete fails math in spectacular fashion, Dave agrees to give Pete the five additional dollars he'd taken away. However, calculators now cost \$12. Can Pete afford the calculator?

If you said yes, then congratulations, you're about as good at math as the Texas Senate Finance Committee.

When the Texas Senate passed its proposed budget on March 20, many hailed it as a major step in repairing the \$5.4 billion in cuts to public education from the 2011 legislative session. Those cuts were struck down as unconstitutional by a state district court earlier this year, after hundreds of broke school districts sued the state government in desperation. The new Senate budget restored \$1.5 billion for public education. Claiming the matter to be settled, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, said, "We have completely funded enrollment growth in public education."

Not so fast. As Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, brought up during the debate, statistics compiled by the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a nonprofit, nonpartisan policy institute, show that after adjusting for inflation, the amount of money spent per student at the end of the next biennium will be \$185 less than it had been in 2012 and \$980 less than it had been before the 2011 cuts. The state's formula-based funding methodology does not take inflation into account. When presented with the data, Williams responded, "I don't believe that's the case, but there's room for us to disagree."

It's admittedly not our strongest subject, but we're pretty sure math isn't open to such broad interpretation. Even with this questionable arithmetic, the final budget overwhelmingly passed the Senate. Just don't be fooled by anyone suggesting this was a resounding victory for public education in Texas. Every first-grader in the state can understand that giving them less money and calling it more calls for voters to expel legislators from the classroom.

Schools, not gun makers,
need tax dollars

On March 27, state Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, filed SB 1467, a bill formally establishing economic and tax incentives to American gun manufacturers, in an attempt to encourage them to move their operations to Texas. "Gun manufacturers and people in that industry have been under attack by states who are threatening their Second Amendment rights," said Estes, according to The Texas Tribune. "We want them to realize that Texas is open for business and Texas is a gun-friendly state."

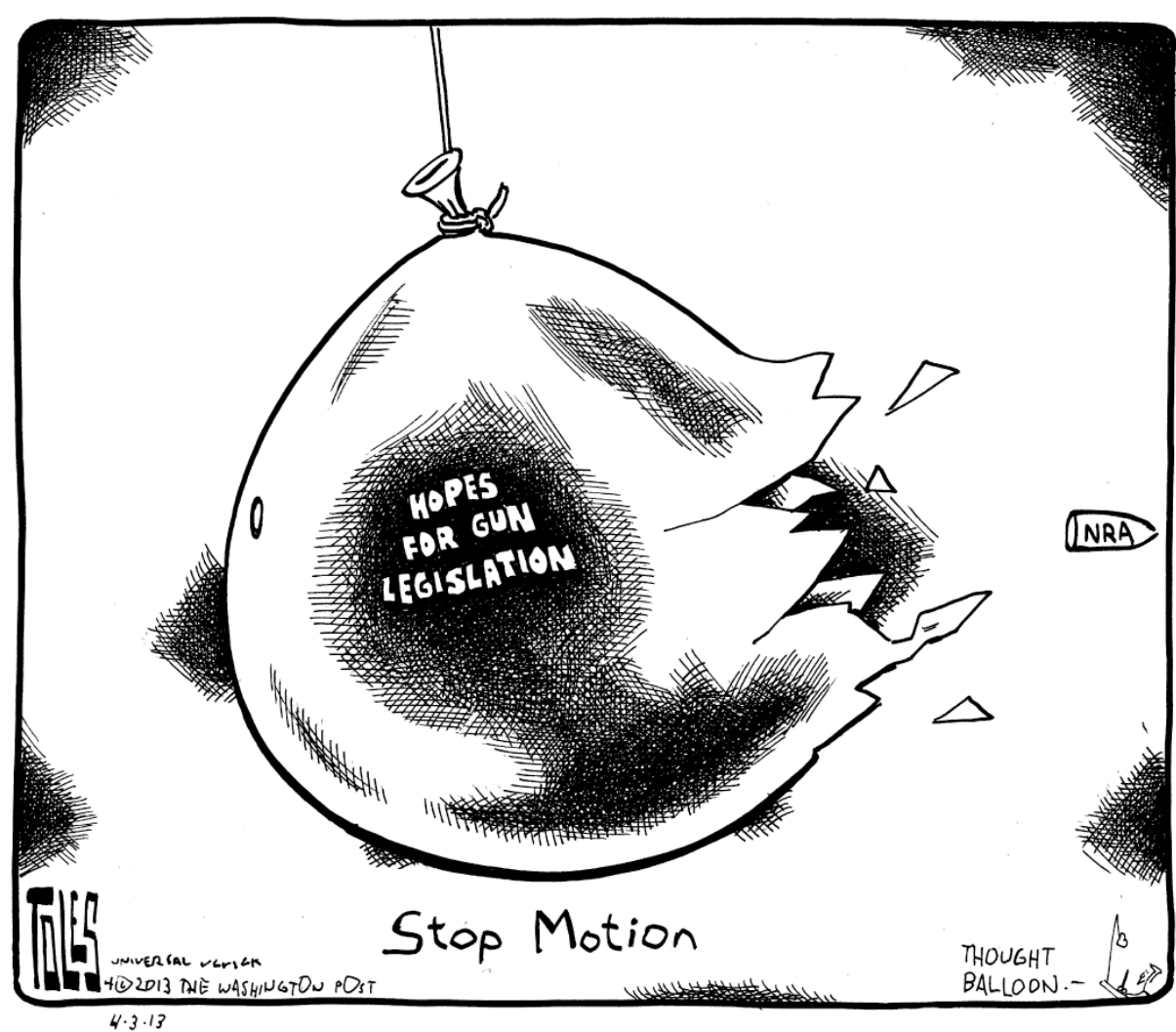
This follows weeks of letter-writing and lobbying by prominent Texas conservatives, like Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz. The campaign has focused particularly on states that have enacted restrictive gun control policies. In that sense it mirrors Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's belligerent advertising campaign earlier this year encouraging gun-owning New Yorkers to move to Texas. The difference between then and now is that Abbott paid for the ads with his own campaign money.

We're happy to solicit greater economic investment in Texas, but these initiatives are indicative of political grandstanding rather than good economic policy. In a Senate Agriculture, Rural Affairs and Homeland Security Committee, Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, pointed out that Estes's proposed tax breaks would cost the state \$37.7 billion in lost revenue. Of that, \$6.2 billion, Uresti said, would come at the expense of already-strapped Texas school districts. Another potential problem is the fact that if President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats succeed in passing an assault weapons ban, Texas will have spent billions propping up an industry that will suddenly find itself cut off at the knees.

However, like the budget proposal, Uresti's sole "no" vote failed to keep Estes' bill from passing committee and going to the Senate floor.

If Perry, Estes and other Republican leaders want to score political points by cozying up to gun manufacturers, they certainly have that right, but they shouldn't do it with our money. Texas schools need it far more.

GALLERY



Give dignity, not just
dollars

Travis Knoll
Daily Texan Columnist

"Drag rats" and panhandlers soliciting money on Guadalupe Street are a daily sight for most UT students. As I was walking along the Drag recently, a blind man approached me and asked me for some money to get a taxi to the Texas School for the Blind on 45th Street. He claimed a car had hit him and his cane was broken. Figuring that he might be telling the truth — the address he had given me was the school's actual address — I offered to walk him to St. Austin's Catholic Church or the University Catholic Center to call for a taxi instead of hailing one on the street. I could then make sure that everyone knew where he was supposed to be going and possibly help him out with any other needs. He didn't take too kindly to this suggestion, asking me to have "trust in humanity and him" that he would call the taxi.

Out of frustration at my insistence that I wanted to help but did not want to simply give cash, he ran out into the middle of the street screaming, "Does anyone in this world give a damn about a blind man?" Luckily he wasn't harmed and got only some bewildered looks from passersby. I was saddened by his refusal of help, but I couldn't help wondering whether in a sense the man was right. I don't think we should satiate our guilty consciences by forking over pocket change, but this man's scream speaks to our need to ignore the periphery.

Are we called to help people?

Daniel Bonevac, a UT philosophy professor who studies ethics, believes we need a careful balance. "Although you can't help everyone, the obligation of charity is a real obligation ... a general obligation [irrespective of religion]," he says. Bonevac recognizes that some can make hundreds of dollars a day off of panhandling, but he challenges us not to take the easy way out. "A rabbinical saying states that it's better to give to five con artists than to not give to one person in need," he says.

I asked him how to avoid endangering the beggar, such as inadvertently giving money for drug use. Bonevac encouraged buying food and goods that are not easily traded. He adds that he tends to take extra steps to ensure that people have roofs over their heads, noting, "I currently have someone staying at my house that would be homeless otherwise."

Bonevac says that recognizing the dignity of the individual by engaging with him or her also extends to how we think about the political sphere. He believes that nonprofits and churches should not merely take a back seat while handing their responsibilities over to government, but should fill in the cracks that government misses. "When local organizations go in, they know the needs of the community. While it's a necessary actor, the federal government is too large to be able to know all of the specifics." Bonevac is not alone in this belief. When the newly-elected Pope Francis resided in Argentina as Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, he reportedly visited slums weekly and contrasted between what he saw as social programs that merely take into account people's most basic physical needs, and the real work of community solidarity and engagement that goes a step further by acknowledging the individual.

Most people agree that we should give, but Bonevac, like Pope Francis, calls us not just to feed the poor. Rather, they charge us to be present for the marginalized, whether by sitting down for a quick conversation on the Drag, or even with a split second of eye contact. One thing is for sure: We should not push uncomfortable realities aside and bury our guilt by "giving a dollar when we pass." The next time someone asks you for a dollar, give your attention and your time instead.

Knoll is a Latin American Studies senior from Dallas.

FIRING LINE

No name, no position, no fair

I am writing to express my concern and dismay in the way you reported the membership of the search committee for the expedited replacement of outgoing Provost Steven Leslie. I read the names and positions of four of the five very important and high-ranking people who make up the "five other members" (besides President William Powers Jr.) of this committee — name, comma, rank, semicolon — followed by "and a staff member from the provost's office" (no name, no position). I cannot begin to tell you how that dismissal affects my morale as one of thousands of nameless, invisible, but dedicated and indispensable staff members University-wide.

I realize that there could be many reasons why the staff member was not named. Perhaps

the staff member wishes to remain anonymous. Perhaps the staff member's identity needs to remain anonymous for internal reasons in the provost's office. But if you don't name the staff member who is important enough to be one of the five other committee members, you must tell your readers why that staff person is unnamed. Omitting the name of the staff member in your article without this explanation sends the wrong message. Please make sure in future articles that the same parallel information, if mentioned for one, is included for all.

Marilyn Harris
Administrative associate
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NEWS BRIEFLY

Concealed gun bill to reduce class time

A proposed bill authored by State Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, would limit the amount of classroom hours required to obtain a concealed handgun license.

The bill would reduce the 10-hour minimum, 15-hour maximum state-mandated class time to a minimum of four hours and maximum of six. Campbell cited current state laws' inefficiency and an individual's constitutional freedom as the driving forces behind the bill.

The bill would not change the test standards or the testing process. Students would still have to take and pass state-mandated writing and gun range exams.

"We're trying to not waste people's time," Campbell said. "There are certainly options for those who feel they need more time or need to repeat a test. We're just trying to take away some legislation that has built-in inefficiencies."

According to a bill analysis filed March 28, a statute requiring a CHL licensure course was enacted in 1997. The course curriculum was not finalized, and Campbell's bill is the first to address the discrepancy between mandated course hours and the timed delivery of the course curriculum.

The bill was discussed Tuesday before the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice. It was not met with much opposition.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, who chaired the committee agreed the current CHL curriculum was inefficient.

"I took the course and I thought it was terribly long," Whitmire said. "The safety aspects were covered easily in the first half of the session. The rest felt like filler."

—Alberto Long

State cancer agency to close doors soon

The state's troubled cancer agency suffered another blow Tuesday after the foundation that supports the agency announced it would close its doors within 60 days.

The CPRIT Foundation, which is undergoing investigation along with the agency it supports, the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, sought to rebrand itself as the Texas Cancer Coalition to distance itself from controversy surrounding the Institute.

Officials from the Institute foiled that plan by asking the Texas Attorney General's Office to make sure the foundation gave its remaining funds to the state.

The foundation's executive director Jennifer Stevens told the House Committee on Transparency in State Operations that the foundation would still have \$258,457 of its \$613,513 remaining cash on hand to pay for its lingering commitments to CPRIT among other costs, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

CPRIT came under fire in 2012 for mismanaging three grants totalling \$56 million, and also received criticism for its lack of transparency and insistence on keeping its donor list confidential. Voters approved the agency's formation in 2007. The agency received \$3 billion in bonds for the purpose of funding cancer research statewide.

The Legislature established the foundation in 2009 and tasked it with raising private donations to support salaries for the institution's executives.

—Joshua Fechter

UNIVERSITY

Twin democratic politicians discuss party politics

By Amanda Voeller

The future of the Democratic Party might be right here in the red state of Texas. San Antonio's twin politicians U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, and San Antonio mayor Julian Castro spent Tuesday evening at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs discussing their party's role in Texas politics.

The Castro brothers lobbied Monday at the Capitol for an extension of Medicaid, two hours after Gov. Rick Perry and U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz and John Cornyn denounced the extension.

Texas Tribune Editor-in-Chief and CEO Evan Smith said 28 million Texans are currently uninsured, and Julian Castro said there are millions of unpaid ambulance fees in San Antonio.

In addition to raising concern over medical costs, Julian Castro said Gov. Perry has not been properly prioritizing investments. Julian Castro said Gov. Perry should not have vetoed a tax initiative to increase funding to San Antonio preschools.

Joaquin Castro said Texas and Alaska were the only states to decline to compete in Race to the Top, a program



Twin politicians Julian and Joaquin Castro discussed Texas politics with Texas Tribune CEO Evan Smith at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs on Tuesday evening. The brothers covered topics such as Medicaid, medical costs and gun control.

Mikhaela Locklear
Daily Texan Staff

that offered states money to come up with the best practices to increase innovation in K-12 education.

"It was, I think, a missed opportunity to set national standards with other states, to really come onto some new ideas and innovative policies," Joaquin said.

The interview was followed by audience questions. In response to a question, Julian Castro said the electoral college is fine the way it is. On the other hand, he said that eliminating the Electoral

College would be an opportunity for direct democracy.

"There's nothing more powerful than when folks themselves are motivated to participate in democratic process," Julian Castro said.

Julian and Joaquin Castro described their positions on gun control during the talk.

Joaquin Castro said he thinks changes regarding guns can be made while still supporting the second amendment. Julian Castro said high-capacity magazines carry the element of

surprise, which is not good public policy, but reasonable requirements can be put in place in certain situations, such as for self defense.

Joaquin Castro also discussed immigration and said that currently the net migration rate between America and Mexico is approximately zero because of the struggling U.S. economy, the increase of border patrol agents and a booming Mexican economy.

"This is the moment that we should do comprehensive

reform," Joaquin Castro said.

JuliaCastro said he thinks America is positioned to succeed in the next century as long as the country improves education. In order to do that, America must build up an infrastructure of opportunity, according to Joaquin Castro.

Julian and Joaquin Castro first became interested in politics in 1994 when they ran for, and won, positions in the student senate at Stanford University, according to Julian.

83RD LEGISLATURE

Bills aim to criminalize use of synthetic drugs

By Alberto Long

Two proposed bills filed by State Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, would strengthen current drug laws to facilitate the battle against dangerous synthetic drugs known as K2 and 25I.

K2 and 25I are referred to as "designer drugs" due to their chemical compositions, which can be modified by street chemists to skirt drug laws and avoid criminal prosecution for sales and consumption. K2 is considered a synthetic cannabinoid, while 25I is a hallucinogenic substance that mimics the effects of psychoactive drugs like LSD and ecstasy.

"Designer drugs are a growing threat to health and public safety that have already harmed many families and individuals — a significant number of whom are young people," Huffman said in a press release.

According to the press release, Texas Poison Control centers received 470 exposure calls for K2 in 2012. 25I was blamed for the deaths of two young Houston residents last year, 21-year-old Kevin Schoolmeyer and a 15-year-old female who died a month after him.

The first bill would criminalize new compounds of synthetic cannabinoids produced since the original bill banning K2 was passed during the last legislative session. The bill calls for a widening of legal parameters to enable law enforcement to crack down on street chemists with increased efficiency

and effectiveness.

"They're trying to clean up the language to encompass all substances that may be a synthetic cannabinoid," said Houston Police Department officer Mike Baccus after testifying in support of the bill at a public hearing Tuesday.

"If it's not in the law, we can't enforce it," Baccus said.

The second bill would criminalize the distribution, possession and manufacturing of 25I. The drug is currently sold unregulated online as a research chemical.

"Many young people in Texas mistakenly believe designer drugs are safe because they're sold in stores and on the Internet," Huffman said. "In fact, there is no beneficial or legitimate use for these products and they can cause life-threatening symptoms or death to those who use them."

Lt. Gray Smith of the Narcotics Division of the Houston Police Department expressed his support for the bills, citing the designer drug problem plaguing his city and the surrounding area.

"Houston and the surrounding Gulf Coast Region have seen significant production, distribution and consumer sales of these substances which have caused so much harm nationally," Smith said. "These bills will allow for the closer coordination between the police, crime labs and the courts and aid in bringing criminal prosecutions regarding these substances to a successful conclusion."

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mobilize students," Villarreal said. "We're only one mile from the Capitol and it's crucial we make our presence."

After the press conference, students witnessed the official proclamation of Invest in Texas Legislative Day and visited various government officials to lobby for student concerns.

Melissa Dunn, supply chain management senior and curriculum committee member, said the event was a small way to make a difference.

"These are all things I really care about," Dunn said. "I'm passionate about education policy, and I'm going to be participating in Teach for America. So, Invest in Texas fits right in there."

Business and history sophomore Miriam Petsch volunteered to help lead students to the Capitol as well as administer information packets.

"Education is my niche of politics that I dabble in," Petsch said. "With prices soaring all over campus and not enough grants being distributed, the issue needs to be addressed. If we don't make UT affordable, we threaten its diversity."



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FOOTBALL



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Sophomore wide receiver Kendall Sanders stands out at the Orange-White Scrimmage on Saturday, taking David Ash's pass and sprinting for a touchdown. Junior tight end and wide receiver John Harris also showed promise, tallying 92 yards.

Spring stars need chance

**By Christian Corona**
Sports Editor

It seems to happen every year.

A handful of skill position players impress at Texas' annual spring game and are practically never heard from again.

Last year, tight end D.J. Grant caught two passes for 58 yards and a touchdown, a 54-yarder from Jaxon Shipley. Grant had just 14 catches as a senior last year and Shipley didn't complete a pass all season despite

throwing three touchdowns in 2011.

After running for 82 yards and a touchdown, a 60-yarder on the opening drive of last year's Orange-White Scrimmage, D.J. Monroe averaged more than 15 yards a touch in 2012 — but touched the ball just 46 times in 13 games.

DeSean Hales, who had a game-high four catches for 61 yards and a touchdown in last year's spring game, left the program last August.

This year, it was wide receivers Kendall Sanders and John Harris who turned heads in the Orange-

White Scrimmage on Saturday. Harris hauled in four catches for a game-high 92 yards, 35 of them coming on an over-the-shoulder grab inside the 5-yard line despite tight coverage from Carrington Byndom.

Sanders caught just one pass but he made it count. Facing a 2nd-and-2 from the 24-yard line, David Ash threw across the field to Sanders for a short gain, but the sophomore from Athens slipped out of the grasp of a pair of defenders and sprinted down the sideline and into the end zone.

"That's what we need,"

Co-offensive Coordinator Major Applewhite said of Harris' and Sanders' efforts. "We need those Jeremy Hills-types who are the glues of your team. Those guys that have been around the program three or four years, know how things are done and played a lot of football. Those two guys have done a great job. Those are the Chris Ogbonnayas and the Brian Carters that make championship teams."

With Marquise Goodwin pursuing his NFL dreams and Shipley nursing a hamstring injury, Sanders and

Harris got an opportunity to show what they could and took advantage of it. But if Texas wants to have a productive passing game this upcoming season, guys like Sanders and Harris have to get a chance when the games count this fall.

"In our room when a man goes down, the next man has to come in and make plays," senior Mike Davis said. "That is what we have been stressing all spring. They have been doing a great job of that."

Now the Longhorns need to trust Harris and Sanders to do a great job when they suit up this season.

BASEBALL



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan file photo

Junior first baseman Alex Silver has contributed to five double-digit hit games in a six-game stretch this season after making 43 starts last season.

Hitters still have work to do

**By Matt Warden**
Daily Texan Columnist

Whoever said that numbers don't lie wasn't talking about the Longhorns.

Augie Garrido has built the Texas baseball program on two things: solid defense and sacrificing for the good of the offense. This philosophy has been largely successful under his 17-year tenure as head coach.

As Texas (16-11, 2-4) was set to enter its non-district matchup with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi last night, a game that was postponed, the numbers that bolster this philosophy appeared to tell the whole story. In their previous six games, the Longhorns were hitting .316

as a team with a 4-2 record.

Mark Payton, Erich Weiss and Alex Silver all had batting averages over .400 during the six-game stretch, helping the team post five double-digit hit games in the stretch. However, when taking wins and losses together in the same equation, the Longhorns' real troubles remain invisible.

In the two losses the Longhorns suffered in their previous six games, both to Oklahoma State, they recorded 21 hits to 22 runners left on base. Silver and Payton, who coincidentally have two of the highest batting averages on the team, went a combined 4-15 at the plate in the two losses.

Payton, who has made a habit of leaving runners on base this season, went just 2-9

at the plate in Texas' two losses to the Cowboys, stranding five runners in the process. Silver, despite not leaving any runners on base, only had two hits in his seven at bats, with no RBIs.

When realizing that Oklahoma State committed six errors as a team in these two victories over Texas, the result becomes even more troubling. While the Longhorns' pitching did little to help the cause by surrendering a combined seven first-inning runs in the two losses, a failure to convert remained the biggest disappointment for the Longhorns.

It is true that a .316 batting average over six games says a lot about Texas' ability to get on base. The

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SOFTBALL

Luna pitcher of week, third time this season

By Evan Berkowitz

Senior Blaire Luna received her second straight Big 12 conference Pitcher of the Week award Tuesday, marking the third time this season and the 12th time in her career she has received this award.

This is the first time in her career that she has claimed back-to-back Big 12 Pitcher of the Week honors, and she is the first Texas pitcher to do so since Cat Osterman won three straight in 2006.

This past week, Luna (17-1) notched two victories over Kansas in Lawrence. In the 13 innings she was in the circle, she allowed just four hits to Kansas, who entered the series with the nation's best batting average, while fanning 18.

In Big 12 play, Luna sports a 4-0 record and 0.48 ERA.

She is the third UT pitcher to ever start a season 17-1, joining Rachel Fox (2011)

and Osterman (2006).

Luna has been dominant recently, allowing three hits or fewer in each of her last eight appearances.

Her 1.11 ERA is the 11th-best in the country, her 17 wins are the 10th-most, her 217 strikeouts are the third-best and her 12.7 strikeouts per seven innings are the most in the nation.

Many expected Luna to be the second-best pitcher in the conference behind Keilani Ricketts of Oklahoma, last season's National Player of the Year. But so far, their performances have been relatively even. Ricketts (15-1, 1.00 ERA) is on par with the Texas ace. They are expected to square off April 19 in Austin.

Luna and the Longhorns (32-4) return to action Wednesday with a 2 p.m. doubleheader against McNeese State after the a doubleheader scheduled for Tuesday was canceled that night.

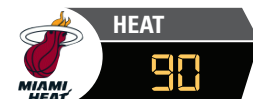


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Senior pitcher Blaire Luna nabbed Big 12 Pitcher of the Week honors for the second straight week and the third time this season.

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Rain delays Horns until Wednesday

The doubleheader scheduled for No. 8 Texas against McNeese State on Tuesday was postponed due to thunderstorms. After about an hour and a half delay, the games were called.

Instead, the doubleheader will begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Red and Charline McCombs Field.

Ace Blaire Luna (17-1), coming off consecutive Big 12 Pitcher of the Week awards, was scheduled to make the start in the first game against McNeese State's Jamie Allred (13-3).

—Evan Berkowitz

Claps of thunder postpone game

The Texas Longhorns baseball game against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi was postponed Tuesday due to a thunderstorm. A makeup date has not yet been announced.

The game was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at UFCU Disch-Falk Field before heavy rain and lightning made it unplayable.

Texas (16-11) will return to action Friday when it hosts Oklahoma in what will be the Longhorns' second Big 12 series at home this season. The game is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

—Peter Sblendorio

LONGHORNS IN THE MLB

WOMEN'S GOLF RECAP | BY JEREMY THOMAS

Seniors Desiree Dubreuil and Madison Pressel's total scores of 225 positions put the women's golf squad in fourth place at the conclusion of the SDSU Farms Invitational. The Longhorns (303-306-301) ended the tournament at 46-over-par.

Pressel (75-78-72) recorded three consecutive birdies at the eighth, ninth and 10th holes. Scores over-par included bogeys at holes 6, 15 and 17. Dubreuil (75-73-77) shared the same score of 9-over

225 as Pressel. Dubreuil started the final round with a birdie at the opening hole but bogeyed six times in the round. Dubreuil and Pressel ended the tournament in a tie for 12th place.

Sophomore Bertine Strauss (76-77-78) tied for 26th at 15-over 231. Senior Katelyn Sepmoree (77-78-77) finished one stroke behind Strauss at 16-over 232 for 30th place.

Freshman Tezira Abe (78-84-75) finished at 21-over 237 and tied for 46th

place. Fellow freshman Natalie Karcher (77-78-78) competed as an individual and ended the tournament tied for 31st place at 17-over 233.

The top-ranked Trojans claimed their fourth team title of the year. As a team, USC (298-289-288) carded at 11-over 875. On the player leaderboard USC's Sophia Popov finished in first place, one stroke over.

A week before postseason play commences with the Big 12 Tournament on



Desiree Dubreuil
Senior

April 19, the Longhorns have one last regular season tournament scheduled in the PING/ASU Invitational at the ASU Karsten Golf Course in Tempe, Ariz.

Darvish misses perfection in final inning, tops Astros

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON -- Yu Darvish was one out from a perfect game when Marwin Gonzalez grounded a clean single through the pitcher's legs, and the Texas Rangers beat the Houston Astros 7-0 on Tuesday night.

The celebrated right-hander from Japan struck out 14 and appeared to be in complete control before Gonzalez smacked the first pitch up the middle. Darvish was unable to get his glove down in time and the ball skittered into center field well beyond a desperate dive by shortstop Elvis Andrus.

Darvish put up his hands — almost like, “Oh well, it happens.” Texas’ infielders immediately came to the mound, and manager Ron Washington joined them.

Washington patted

Darvish on the chest and then signaled for a reliever. A crowd that included plenty of Rangers fans cheered Darvish as he walked off after 111 pitches.

Darvish nearly picked up right where baseball left off last year, when there were a record three perfect games, thrown by Philip Humber, Matt Cain and Felix Hernandez.

If Darvish had been able to finish the job Tuesday, it would have been the earliest perfect game in history.

He didn't really need a dazzling play from his defense as he shut down the Astros and chased the 24th perfect game in big league history.

He began the ninth by getting two easy groundouts before Gonzalez ruined his bid for perfection. The 24-year-old Gonzalez made his big league debut last year, hitting .234 in 80 games for Houston.

Darvish has never thrown a complete game in the majors.

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Longhorns have averaged 5.2 runs per contest during that span, but only three of these games truly mattered to their overall record.

In a 5-3 win over Texas State last Tuesday, Texas recorded 11 hits and stranded nine baserunners. Payton went 3-for-4

in the victory while Silver was 2-for-3 with two RBIs but in the Longhorns' two losses to Oklahoma State this past weekend, those two players failed to show up when it mattered most.

Texas likely would have won against Texas A&M-

Corpus Christi, holding a 16-2 all-time record against the team, with 14 of those wins coming at home. But these stats gain credibility because they are mostly wins, not losses. When judging the 4-2 revitalization over the last six games in relation to the

season as a whole, the losses should be the first thing seen.

When you look past the batting averages of Payton (.421) and Silver (.348) and look just a bit closer at the numbers, Texas still appears to be an average team despite a dash of momentum.

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Concertgoers at the Life in Color event will be blasted with paint from onstage cannons at The Backyard concert venue this Saturday.

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thousands of people tend to produce extreme temperatures and voluminous quantities of vomit. Among other things, these corporate-sponsored raves are difficult to manage from a logistical standpoint.

Roger Wade, senior public information officer at the Travis County Sheriff's Office, said extra patrols will be on duty Saturday to help control traffic and monitor any illegal activities that take place during the event.

Although Committee Entertainment bars entry to guests that are visibly intoxicated and does not serve alcohol at its events, the company treads on thin ice with a number of college administrations. Back in 2011 when Dayglow visited Lehigh University, the party had "mass casualties" with approximately 44 attendees rushed to nearby hospitals for medical treatment. In April of last year, the University of Maine strained to handle 16 medical transportations.

Common injuries at Dayglow events have included severe dehydration due to alcohol consumption, hypothermia and eye irritation from sprayed paint.

In spite of such dangers,

I bought some crazy clothes from a thrift store last weekend, so I'm ready in that sense. But I'm really hoping things don't get too out of hand.

—Colton Lewis, Plan II Honors Program and biology freshman

Committee Entertainment continues to attract new customers every year. The Life in Color rave is now a direct competitor for the Barstool Blackout Tour, a similar concert event sponsored by the male-oriented blog, Barstool Sports. The marketing teams for both companies have often butted heads while vying for a dwindling number of cooperative venues. Dave Portnoy, owner and head blogger of the online sports website, wrote in a charged blog entry last spring that he sees a rather apparent double standard.

"Take for example tonight. [University of Massachusetts] Lowell is hosting Dayglow at Tsongas arena. This is the same venue where I tried to book the Blackout Tour, but was told by the [general manager that] while she'd love to do it, the [University of Massachusetts] administrators said no," Portnoy wrote. "They were fine with

Dayglow though."

Committee Entertainment has been denied re-entry to its fair share of venues as well, including Lehigh University and Central Michigan University. Austin, however, has consistently hosted Dayglow concerts for the past couple of years.

Perhaps it's an unrealistic expectation for 2,500 excited college-age students to gather in a safe and orderly fashion, but even if a rave manages to hospitalize 15 people, that's less than 1 percent of the total concert-going population.

Colton Lewis, Plan II Honors Program and biology freshman, explained that he is "not entirely sure what to expect" at the concert this weekend.

"I bought some crazy clothes from a thrift store last weekend, so I'm ready in that sense," Lewis said. "But I'm really hoping things don't get too out of hand."

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"Metal lets me be free from anger, hate and bad energy," La Rockha said. "It helps for some odd reason to let all the fear out, and it heals the pain of loss. Mariachi makes you fall in love because it's fun, but it's also my roots, my language and what I stand for. It's a way of life, keeping you gentle, bringing the family together ... it's passion."

This passion comes across on stage as audience members become part of Metalachi's performance.

"Our fans love to sing along with us, and the girls love to come up on stage and get serenaded," La Rockha said. "Without our devoted fans, our shows wouldn't be what they always are."

Maximilian "Dirty" Sanchez said his favorite thing about performing is watching emotions change across the audience's faces as they rock out. From shocked, to confused, to enraged,

to orgasmic, Metalachi provokes its audience in multiple ways.

"Our shows are like a big fiesta. We love to be on stage, playing, laughing and soaking up all the chi-chi love," El Cucuy said. "But we have all people ... All together and all amigos singing together, but songs of metal music."

Clad in face paint, outrageous costumes, long hair and unusual hats, La Rockha said the sombreros are the most important part of the band's costumes. Having lost count of how many girls have asked him for his hat, La Rockha said the sombreros are what gives Metalachi its power, much like Samson and his long hair.

"Our sombreros are part of who we are!" El Cucuy said. "Is like Magnum, P.I. without his mustache, or Lindsey Lohan without her going to jail drama."

With it being the 21st century, you would think

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—El Cucuy, Metalachi trumpet player

someone would have come up with the idea of metal and mariachi being played together by now, but it takes a bold group of people to mix these genres.

"Others would be afraid of what people would say," "Dirty" Sanchez said. "But we don't give a shit!"

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following so many people that, in a way, I no longer follow anyone because I can't keep up. It's more fun, and more realistic, to follow a dozen or so people.

DT: Do you see Twitter as a competitor to Facebook and other social media platforms, or as its own entity?

Stone: Twitter is its own entity. It isn't a social network, and it's not blogging. Twitter is an invention in the communications world that we didn't know we needed until we had it.

DT: What does your everyday look like?

Stone: I stepped away from day-to-day work at Twitter about a year and a half ago so now I only visit occasionally to look at new product designs, talk to the CEO, visit with friends, etc.

DT: Twitter is all about fast, quick news. Where does Twitter fit in the changing landscape of news and journalism?

Stone: Twitter helps spread information and good ideas. Journalism and Twitter are complimentary because without deeper, thoughtful, journalistic pieces, there would not be as many important ideas spreading through a network of millions.

DT: You were named Nerd of the Year in 2009 by GQ Magazine. Who are some other "nerds" you admire?

Stone: I think "Nerd of the Year" is a bit of a backhanded compliment but I'll take it. The people I admire are the people I know, the people I learn from and the people who inspire me. This list includes my long time

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DT: The next big thing is a constant conversation topic, do you have any clues about where the next big site or idea will come from?

Stone: Mobile is the space to watch. Mobile are the most intimate witness to our lives, they are the things we cannot leave home without, they keep us all connected. The possibilities are rich for mobile services and platforms.

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one last time, preferably by email and snail mail. Set a time when they must respond by and make this deadline explicit in the messages you send. Be cordial to your old roommate — while you may not be friends anymore, you did live together, so use that shared past to appeal to her

sense of fairness. If you are met with silence, you're going to have to think through your options carefully. If the \$120 is really important to you, all I can say is that it's time to contact a lawyer. But if it seems like more trouble than it's worth, you're just going to have to take the hit and move on.

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sexual health issues that are an integral aspect of that process," Jekanowski said in a statement released on March 24.

In an email statement, Dunn argued that "as a Jesuit, Catholic university, there are certain Catholic commitments that Boston College is called to uphold."

"We recognize that, as a reflection of society at large, many students do not agree with the church's position on these issues," Dunn said. "However, we ask those who do not agree to be respectful of our position and respect in their private affairs."

Even as a religious institute, is it reasonable for Boston College officials to demand an end to the sexual health program that students at the university have voiced a need for?

After all, The Boston Globe reports that BCSSH receives a \$400 grant each semester from Advocates for Youth, passes out 1,000 to 1,500 condoms per semester from the Great American Condom Campaign and even received a \$500 grant and several hundred female condoms from FC2, a female condom company.

Students at Boston and in every other college in America who do decide to engage in sexual activities, deserve access to medically accurate sex education and resources that can empower healthy decision making when it comes to sex and sexuality.

If you happen to be one of those students at UT, make sure to take advantage of the abundance of sexual health resources, such as free condoms, that are available to students on our very own campus at the Health Promotion Resource Center (SSB 1.106).

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Metalachi merges genres

By Jourden Sander

With a communal love for sombreros, Spanish, chi-chis and Black Sabbath, Metalachi was born under the marriage of mariachi and metal to become the world's first and only heavy metal mariachi band.

El Cucuy, the trumpet player for Metalachi, said the band members learned to play mariachi first, but were quickly influenced by Black Sabbath. Instead of using electric instruments, they played their mariachi instruments.

Metalachi, with its roots in Mexico, came together as five men with a simple love for mariachi and hard rock. Now they travel across the country to entertain audiences with their shocking costumes and novel form of music.

Vega De La Rockha, lead vocals for Metalachi, said that metal and mariachi work well together because people need a little spice in their lives.

La Rockha said in their case, Metalachi decided to put some of that spice into metal.

After playing in Austin recently during this year's South By Southwest, the band members expressed their excitement to play in Austin again and looked forward to their crowd of Austin amigos.

Playing rock and metal classics such as "Sweet Child O' Mine" by Guns N' Roses, Metalachi's music resonates



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long after hearing the iconic blend of the mariachi trumpet, violin and guitars with the piercing sound of La Rockha's vocals.

While the band's music successfully creates a cohesive sound and subgenre of its own, some people are still skeptical of the combination

of two unlikely genres of music. Typically fans of hard metal aren't fans of traditional mariachi, and vice versa.

"On both genres you have many people that are purists and think of it as a sin to change the music," El Cucuy said. "First, you need an open mind, second,

you need the passion, third, you need the know-how and the commitment."

El Cucuy said mariachi is great because it is very traditional, but the arrangement of the two genres together is what feels right.

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METALACHI

When: Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Where: Antone's, 213 W. Fifth St.

Website: metalachi.com

EVENT PREVIEW

World's largest paint party poses safety threats

By Stuart Railey

The word "tame" is not often used to describe the world's largest paint party, which is scheduled to visit Austin on Saturday at The Backyard concert venue. Life in Color, the event formerly known as Dayglow, attracts more than 2,500 attendees on average and has acquired a reputation for leaving paramedic teams scrambling to treat injured party-goers.

Drawing inspiration from the Zion tribal rave in "The Matrix Reloaded," Life in Color is a salacious dance party filled with paint, blaring house-music and a fair number of intoxicated college students. The music component of the concert will be handled by techno artist R3hab.

Michael Frazier, the director of operations at Committee Entertainment, wrote in an e-mail that the show this weekend is "almost sold out."

Committee Entertainment, the Florida-based company responsible for concerts like Dayglow and Life in Color, has received a considerable amount of negative press over the years from college administrations and police departments alike. Confined spaces packed with

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Q-AND-A | 'BIZ' STONE

Twitter co-founder reflects, talks future of social media

By Kelsey McKinney

Christopher Isaac "Biz" Stone is a father of social media. He helped create Blogger and xanga.com and is most famous for co-founding Twitter.

Stone will present a talk titled "Redefining Success" as a part of the lecture series put on by the Student Endowed Centennial Lectureship and the Distinguished Speakers Committee. The Daily Texan spoke with Stone about life after Twitter, his own Twitter feed and what he sees as the next big thing.



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Biz Stone built his career out of creating new ways for us to interact on the internet.

DT: You told The New York Times that there is a tipping point for how many people you can follow before it becomes overwhelming, where does that line rest? How does it affect user experience?

Stone: As a society, I think we are still feeling our way through this world of social media. We're still looking for the edges and getting our footing. I made the mistake of

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SEX

Jesuit school battles safe sex



Statistically and realistically speaking, there are students having sex on every single college campus in America. These students deserve access to resources that can help to empower healthy decision-making when it comes to sex.

Boston College — where administration recently threatened disciplinary action against a student-run sexual health group — is no different than UT, or any other college campus for that matter.

On March 15, Boston College officials sent a letter demanding an end to Safe Sites, stations started by Boston College Students for Sexual Health (BCSSH) that provide free contraception and safe-sex information for fellow students. The letter said that the distribution of condoms is in conflict with the university's "responsibility to protect the values and traditions of Boston College as a Jesuit, Catholic institution."

"Private universities have the right to set their own policies and to discipline

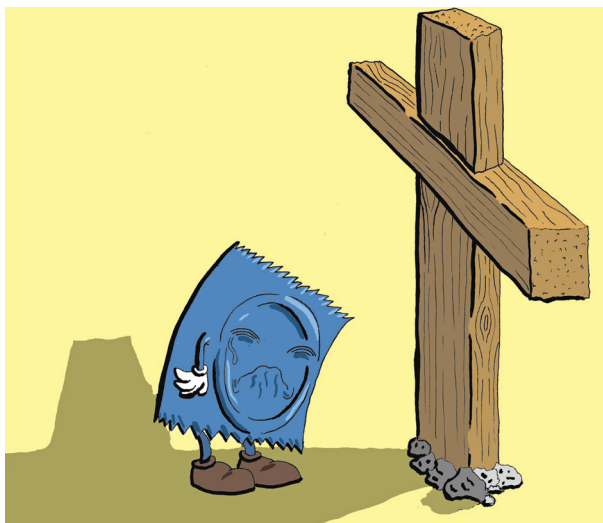


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students who violate their policies. The distribution of condoms is incongruent with the university's values and traditions," Jack Dunn, spokesman for Boston College, told CNN.

However, despite these allegations, students as well as Sarah Wunsch, staff attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Massachusetts, are pushing back.

"None of our actions have changed at all in the past four years," BCSH chairwoman Lizzie Jekanowski told NBC News. "It came out of nowhere."

According to The Boston

Globe, Jekanowski said the Safe Sites program fills a need for BC students that the university does not provide. Students can pick up free male and female condoms, lubricant and pamphlets about sexual health at one of the Safe Sites locations, including dorms and one off-campus location.

"We have the privilege of attending a Jesuit Catholic university so dedicated to the development of the self — both the body and the soul — that we find it both appropriate and necessary to advocate for these

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ADVICE COLUMN



ASK RILEY
With Riley Brands

On stress, roommates

Editor's note: This is an advice column written by in-house know-it-all Riley Brands. All answers are based on personal experience. Brands is not a licensed professional. Questions for Brands can be sent to dtadvice@gmail.com.

Dearest Riley,

Our roommate is running herself into the ground with her club athletics team. She wanted to quit at the beginning of the year, and we strongly encouraged her. Technically she did quit, but kept showing up to practice

anyway. Now she has resumed the very stressful role of team president. She acts like she's listening to our advice, then completely disregards it. She insists things will be different this time, but we are skeptical. Any advice on how to get through to her? We're worried about her well-being.

—Concerned Roomies

Dear Concerned Roomies,

First things first: Is she getting anything out of the position? If you think she is, you'll have to weigh your options carefully. While

stress can have deleterious effects on one's health, some people thrive on it or at the very least find it motivating. However, if it has turned into nothing more than a drain on her time and energy, it is time to step in and help her out.

You're going to need to have a serious talk with her, but it can't just be a vague one about your concern for her. You need to make the negative effects the job is having on her painfully apparent. Surely she's begun to show signs of exhaustion

and is paying the price for it in other areas of her life, so make a list of "consequences" you've seen as a result of her overtaxing herself. Then sit her down and go through them one by one. Reassure her that this is all coming from a good place and hope it sinks in.

Dearest Riley,

This January, I realized that my former roommates owe me \$120 from utilities from last August. However, I am no longer on speaking terms with one of the roommates for

personal reasons, and the other was her good friend who sublet during the summer. I have emailed them both but not heard anything back. I know it's from August, but \$120 is not an insignificant amount of money. What should I do?

Thanks,
Ex-Roomie

Dear Ex-Roomie,

Always a believer in giving people another chance, I say you try to contact them

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